

whatever guests the young folks may choose to entertain. The front of the cottage is covered, from the odd-looking chimney to the still older looking porch, with a mass of Virginia creepers.

The same care that has been taken to protect young Mr. and Mrs. Whitney from the weather has also been accorded their servants. A frame house of twelve rooms has been erected and will be used when it is impossible to live in the open.

Stable room has been arranged for about half a mile from the camp, and it is understood that young Mr. Whitney will have a dozen running and trotting horses, together with all the private family vehicles on the ground, when he arrives immediately after his marriage.

The architectural work is in the hands of Charles H. Kelly and George H. Freeman, both of whom feel justly proud of the rapidity of their work. If all that is projected is accomplished by August 23 they will certainly have broken a record in the building line. The work of construction is under the supervision of these gentlemen, assisted by J. H. Root and J. Clifford, two Pittsfield contractors.

The camp will be in charge of three guides from Paul Smith's, in the Adirondacks.

Although the parties most interested have shown a desire for a quiet and unostentatious wedding, the indications are that their friends are going to make it one of the most brilliant affairs of the year. Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, although he has not yet recovered entirely from his recent illness, will be present at the wedding and give his daughter away. The bridemaids will be Miss Emily Vanderbilt Sloan, Miss

WOE FOR M'KINLEY IN PLATT'S FIGHT.

Next Tuesday's Convention May Settle the Presidency.

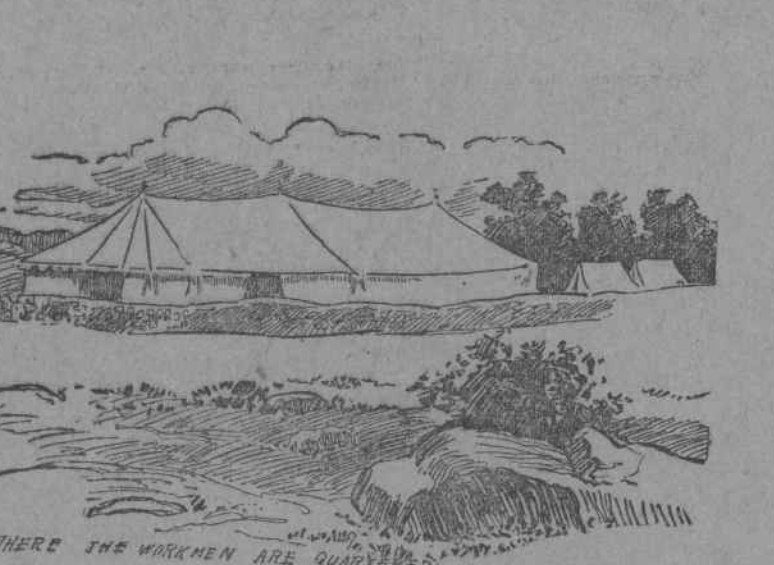
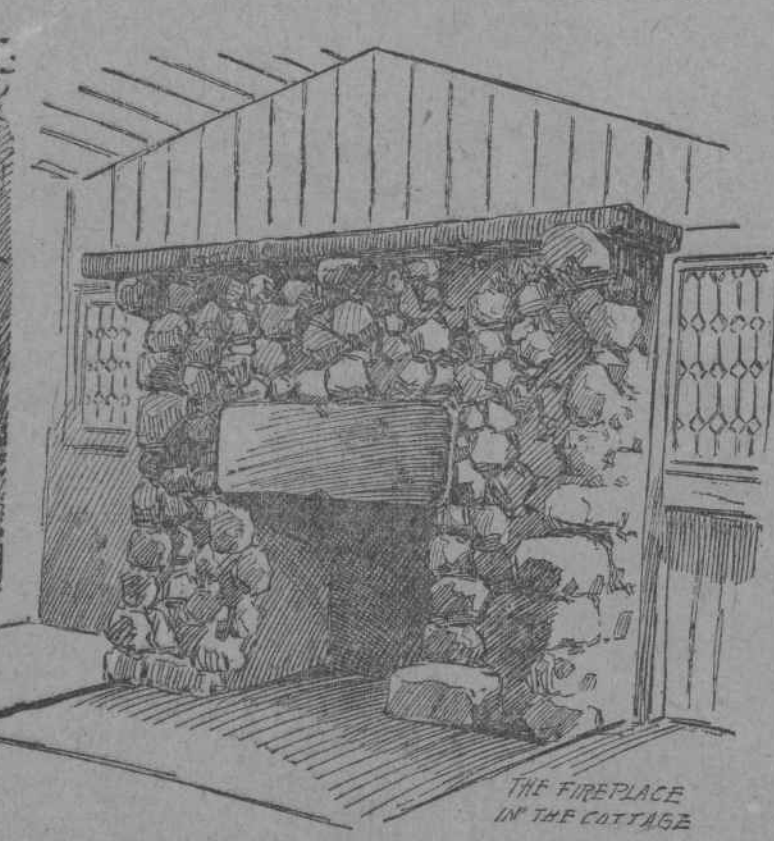
Climax of a Fifteen Years' Battle Between Warner Miller and the "Easy Boss."

No Matter Which Wins, General Knifing Will Be in Order by the Other.

ALDRIDGE HAS THE MOST DELEGATES.

But a Dark Horse May Yet Beat Him and Hamilton Fish—Prospects for the Primaries of To-night in This City.

Next week, Tuesday, when Thomas C. Platt will hold the Republican State Convention in Saratoga to nominate candidates for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and Judge of the Court of Appeals, the climax



View of the Whitney Country Seat as It Looks To-Day.

The present cottage will be occupied by Harry Payne Whitney and his bride after the honeymoon, which will be passed in tents in woods near by. The estate in the Berkshire Hills, now numbering 5,000 acres, is being rapidly transformed into a garden of beauty by workmen, who labor day and night under the direction of eminent landscape gardeners.

of a fifteen-years' fight between Warner Miller and Platt will come. No matter which wins it is likely to give Bryan New York's electoral vote in the Fall, and beyond all doubt make him the next President.

The convention will be composed of 758 delegates, of which nearly 600 will wear the Platt label.

Platt will occupy his old seat at the head of the delegation from Toga County, his former home, which he visits one day each year to vote.

Never before in his long experience has Platt controlled the Republican State organization so thoroughly. The convention will merely ratify the programme mapped out by him. Incidentally it will endorse McKinley and Hobart and the national platform.

Who Does Platt Favor?

The supreme question, of course is: "Who does the 'Boss' favor for Governor?" There are many aspirants, the more prominent being Superintendent of Public Works George W. Aldridge, Speaker Hamilton Fish, Senator Clarence Loxton and Congressman James W. Wadsworth. The first two are in the lead.

Not one word has come from Platt as to whom he favors, but it seems certain that the man he selects will win. Platt will go to Saratoga next Saturday to look over the field and select his man.

Aldridge's friends say he is sure to be nominated. Then they whisper softly: "The 'old man' is with us."

When Fish's adherents are questioned they also appear to think Platt is with them.

While Aldridge is in the lead, he has not enough delegates to nominate him. His friends claim 316 votes, while it requires 380 to win.

Opposition to Aldridge.

While all these delegates may be friendly to Aldridge, the fact that many are not pledged and will do as Platt wills must not be lost sight of. There is considerable opposition to Aldridge in the organization, and the anti-machine men are very bitter toward him. In fact, Platt has been told that the nomination of Aldridge means a certain bolt at Saratoga, with the strong probability of the election of a Democratic Governor and Assembly.

It is also complained of, and it may

be necessary to sidetrack both men and name a dark horse.

Aldridge's chief strength comes from that part of the State, through which flows the canal. There are many places to be given out along this stream, and Aldridge has their awarding. In distributing this patronage he has not lost sight of his own.

There has been considerable talk in the last few days of renominating Morton and Saxton. The Governor has declared he is not seeking a renomination, and until recently has told all who approached him on the subject that under no circumstances would he again make the race. Lately, however, when told that circumstances might force his renomination, the Governor has been telling his friends that he

"hopes" he will not be called on again. Platt would be satisfied with this, only that Saxton is one of Platt's foes. As presiding officer of the Senate, the Lieutenant-Governor can be of much use to an organization. Morton's renomination would make Saxton's imperative.

Wadsworth's Chances.

Another man whose name has been frequently mentioned of late is Wadsworth, of Livingston County. In the event of Aldridge and Fish both being defeated, Wadsworth will have an excellent chance. If he falls at Saratoga he will be renominated for Congress.

One of the most interesting features of the convention will be the decision of the Committee on Credentials in the Herkimer fight. Warner Miller will lead one delegation and Tirus Sheard another. It is the general opinion that the Sheard men will get the seats, in which case many people look for Miller to bolt, taking with him all of the delegates opposed to the machine, and holding a separate convention to place a second Republican ticket in the field.

This would mean certain success for the Democrats and the State and probably the casting of the thirty-six electoral votes for Bryan and Sewall.

Hanna will probably try to prevent this, and as the Millerites hope to secure the Federal patronage should McKinley be elected, the words of the National Chairman may have some effect. Should Hanna stop this programme, the Millerites will knife the Platt candidates for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor. The Platt men in return may try the same trick on the national ticket, and thus swing the State for Bryan.

Platt Wants to be Senator.

Another thing that will help along the trouble is the candidacy of Platt for the United States Senate. If he can get it he will be in a position to make life unpleasant for McKinley should the Ohio man reach the White House, and ignore the New York State machine in giving out patronage.

The Republicans have a majority of twenty-two votes in the State Senate, but

Senators Frank D. Pavey and John E. Fuld, of this city, are opposed to the machine. The Democrats had only 48 votes out of 150 in the last Assembly, and in order to re-elect Senator Hill they will have to make a gain of 30 votes in the Assembly, giving them 87 votes in the lower House and 101 votes on joint ballot. Many well informed politicians believe this can be done on account of the bitter factional fights in the Republican party, particularly in New York, Kings, Erie, Herkimer and Oneida.

The independent candidates will be run to defeat Platt's men in many districts. The contest in Herkimer County between Miller and Sheard has done more than any one thing to widen the breach and will undoubtedly result in Herkimer, one of the strongholds of Republicanism, going Democratic.

Platt and Miller's Long Fight.

The fight between Miller and Platt has been going on for years. In 1881, when the late Roscoe Conkling and Platt resigned from the United States Senate because President Garfield refused to withdraw the name of William H. Robertson, who had been nominated for Collector of the Port of New York, they appealed to the New York Legislature, then in session at Albany, for "vindication" in the shape of re-election. This precipitated a fierce row between the "scalawags" and the "chair-brokers," and Conkling and Platt were both finally forced to withdraw from the race.

Warner Miller, at that time a member of Congress, was one of the men elected to fill the vacancies. From that day Miller has been opposed to Platt. In 1888 the Herkimer statesman was the Republican nominee for Governor on a "high license" platform, and although Harrison carried the State, Miller was badly defeated by Senator Hill. Miller's friends charged the Platt people with treachery.

Last winter the Platt men say Miller was one of the first to propose that Governor Morton enter the Presidential race, assuring the Governor his support. At the famous dinner given by Chaney M. Deane, at which time the Governor decided to formally announce his candidacy, Miller was one of the loudest in his protestations of loyalty and he was elected a delegate-at-large to the St. Louis convention, all the delegates opposing to the machine, and holding a separate convention to place a second Republican ticket in the field.

Later in the season Miller issued a statement denouncing Platt's attacks on McKinley. This was followed in a few days by another statement in which Miller emphasized the Ohio candidate and announced his intention of voting for him if it became apparent that Morton could not be nominated.

At St. Louis Miller tried to defeat Platt for chairman of the New York delegation and was badly beaten. Though carried

out his instructions and voted for Morton, the machine leaders determined to bury him, politically, and a fight was started against him in his own county, which was brought to a climax on Saturday by the sending of two delegates to Saratoga from Herkimer.

The Republican primaries in this city to elect delegates to the Assembly District Convention, will be held to-night, and the regulars predict they will control 100 of the 135 delegates from the city. The anti-machine men will probably carry the First, Eighth, Twentieth, Twenty-third, Twenty-seventh and Thirtieth districts, while the regulars are expected in the Thirteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-third, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-first and Thirty-fifth districts.

The Aldridge people say he will have seventy votes from the machine in this city, while the rest will go to Fish. Few of the local delegates will be instructed, and will vote for the organization choice. The anti-Platt delegates will support Comptroller Roberts and Lieutenant-Governor Saxton.

GOLD DEMOCRATS.

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are absolved from obligation to support its programme. More than this, as the doctrines announced are destructive of national honor and private obligation, and tend to create sectional and class distinctions and engender discord and strife among the people, all good citizens of the Republic are bound to repudiate them and exert every lawful means to insure the defeat of the candidates who represent those false doctrines.

The address concludes with this appeal:

"The duty of the hour is to stand steadfast in the defence of our ancient faith. That this party, as we have known it, may not die, let the faithful of years rally around its historic banner, reform its broken lines, and, with abiding faith in the final triumph of its principles, unite to restore the name Democrat to its former meaning and proud distinction. To this end we request all Democrats who are opposed to the platform adopted and candidates nominated at Chicago to organize in their several States and to send representatives to the convention of the National Democratic party to be held at Indianapolis, on Wednesday, September 2, 1896, in accordance with the call heretofore issued by the National Committee."

SILVER MAN ARRESTED.

Sold Books on the Financial Question, and Is Thrown Into Prison on a Banker's Complaint.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 17.—Is free speech to be suppressed in Washington as it is in Dover, Del., where the single-taxers are in jail? There are signs that way, especially if the free speech is in favor of free silver. Any kind of wares can be sold on the streets of Washington from a push cart, a wagon or an ox cart without any interruption from the police. No vendor, however, is allowed to stand in any one place more than ten minutes. This law has always been applied to men who sold fruits, vegetables, etc.

The other day Stephen Nicoletti, a California pioneer, appeared on the streets with a pushcart containing various kinds of silver literature, the principal book being entitled "A Gold Conspiracy." He stationed himself in front of the War Department to-day, and was selling his books at a rapid rate to passers-by, when an officer of a prominent banking institution appeared and entered into a discussion with Nicoletti on the merits of the silver question. It was evident that the book vendor got the better of the argument, because at the expiration of a few minutes the banker turned upon his heels and said:

"You have no right to peddle such trash. I shall go and get an officer who will arrest and imprison you. You ought to know it is a violation of the law to obstruct the streets as you have done."

Nicoletti protested that he had not occupied the sidewalk or the street longer than the law allowed, and he started on his way toward Georgetown with his push cart.

The aggressive banker was not satisfied with this, but procured the services of an official policeman named Jacobson, who arrested Nicoletti and locked him up, notwithstanding the fact that Nicoletti had on his person enough money to bail himself out. The case will be heard in the police court here Wednesday morning.

The members of the Bimetallic League now in the city are up in arms over the outrage, and will insist upon a full and fair hearing of the case. They will not submit to a mere dismissal of the case without a thorough hearing on its merits. The silver men say that it is a case of persecution pure and simple, and they want it aired thoroughly in the courts.

Andrew A. Lipcomb, Democratic elector for the Eighth Congressional District of Virginia and a prominent attorney at the National Capital, has been retained to defend Nicoletti. Ex-Congressman Bland, who is now in the city, will also be invited to act as assistant counsel in the defence of the unfortunate vendor of silver literature.

OPPOSITION TO STANDARD OIL.

German Government Trying to Secure Petroleum Wells.

By Henry W. Fischer.

Berlin, Aug. 17.—Dr. Miguel is trying to buy all the petroleum wells in Germany for the Government. If he succeeds the Standard Oil Company of America will be prevented from doing business in this country.

Destroyed Lillenthal's Machines.

Berlin, Aug. 17.—Professor Lillenthal's heirs have destroyed all his flying machines and models.

MADE THEIR HOME IN PROSPECT PARK.

Destitute Frederic Dittman Took His Family to Live There Permanently.

Mother, Three Children and a Mother-in-Law Formed the Little Colony.

Roofless and Penniless, They Took Advantage of the Hot Weather Privilege.

WOMEN BEGGED IN THE DAYTIME.

Police Took Them to the Station House, Where They Treated Them as Guests and Started a Subscription.

When Commissioner Woodruff, of the Brooklyn Park Department, ordered that Prospect Park be thrown open to the public day and night during the heated period of last week, Frederic Dittman, his wife, their three children and his mother-in-law went to live there.

They did not go to escape from the heat of their home, because they had none, and so they became permanent tenants of the Park, hoping that the heat might keep on for an indefinite period. Dittman is a painter, and up to several weeks ago he lived with his wife, mother-in-law and three children on the top floor of a squalid tenement on Fourth avenue, near Thirty-seventh street, Brooklyn.

Dittman is fifty-two years old, and not as active as he used to be, and as a consequence lost his position several months ago. He looked around then for something else to do by which he might earn an honest living, but his search proved fruitless. He finally grew despondent and sick at heart, and although he still kept on looking for work he did not do so with the spirit he had displayed before.

The money he had previously earned dwindled away and the family was forced to pawn its effects. The furniture and other belongings went one after the other to the pawn broker and it was not long before they found themselves in a deplorable condition of destitution. There was nothing left except the clothes they wore, and when rent day came they were forced to leave their home.

Dittman's wife, Mrs. Agnes Dittman, is sixty-six years old, and has five children, whose ages range from one to twelve years, then eight in vacant lots and trucks until they heard of Prospect Park being thrown open. They went there and located themselves on Lookout Hill, where the day time Mrs. Dittman and her mother would go begging, while Dittman looked after the children.

Chief Detective Reynolds was attracted to the two women on the street a day or two ago, and by following them he managed to learn that they were in the park. He moved to the station in a patrol wagon. There they will be kept as guests of the police until they can be secured for Dittman, and lodgings for those dependent upon him.

The police are thoroughly in sympathy with the unfortunate family, and last night put up a subscription list in the station house, and the sum received will be turned over to Dittman. Over \$200 was collected last night, and it is expected that much more will be contributed.

STILL THE SILENT MAN.

Hill Takes Life Easily at Normandie-by-the-Sea, and Is Thought to Be Preparing a Statement.

Normandie-by-the-Sea, N. J., Aug. 17.—Senator Hill had no visitors to-day. Secretary Lamont and Senator Murphy, who, as expected, would call upon him, did not do so.

John B. Stanchfield, of Elmira, is a guest of Senator Hill. Mr. Stanchfield is looked upon as a probable Democratic candidate for Governor. Several confidential talks have taken place between Senator Hill and Stanchfield, and they are believed to relate principally to the latter's candidacy.

Senator Hill is taking life very easily. Most of to-day he lounged about the piazzas of the hotel and General Earle's cottage. He wears a bicycle cap, and a pepper and salt suit. It is almost the custom of his to get upon a wheel. He is fond of bathing, and takes a daily plunge into the ocean. He will remain here for several days more.

It is said that he is at work upon a pronouncement. It is said, too, that he is preparing speeches for the coming Democratic State Convention.

FUNERAL AWAITS HER.

Banker Bloodgood, Who Died in New Marlborough, Mass., Will Not Be Buried Until His Wife Comes from Paris.

It was said last night at the home of Banker John Bloodgood, who died on Sunday in New Marlborough, Mass., that no arrangements had been made for his funeral, and that none would be made until after Mrs. Bloodgood's return from Paris.

H. L. Bloodgood, the elder son of the dead banker, is at New Marlborough with his mother in Paris and will return with her.

For many years John Bloodgood bore the reputation of being the best-dressed man in the city. In some respects he had peculiar tastes about his dress, his fondness for bright blue colors being one of the most noticeable. He never wore an overcoat when the mercury dipped with zero. Before his wife went to England they were regarded as one of the handsomest couples in the city.

Mrs. Bloodgood has lived abroad for several years. She owns a fine house in London, and is identified with the best society there. Mr. Bloodgood has kept bachelor apartments during this time. Their former home, opposite the Windsor Hotel, was turned into a shop, but he was attached to the neighborhood, and moved back to it, taking an apartment on the southeast corner of Forty-seventh street and Fifth avenue.

W. K. VANDERBILT IN TOWN.

His Visit Thought to Be on Account of the Wedding of His Niece.

The steam yacht Vallant arrived in New York Harbor at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, with her owner, W. K. Vanderbilt, on board. She anchored off Bay Ridge. The Vallant left Fort Monroe, Va., at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Mr. Vanderbilt went ashore to sub station No. 1 of the New York Traction Club at Fifty-ninth street, south Brooklyn. He sent a message to the general office of the New York Central Railroad and returned to the Vallant at 2 p. m. Later he came to this city and called upon several of his friends. An intimate friend of Mr. Vanderbilt said last night:

"Mr. Vanderbilt will sleep aboard the Vallant to-night, and will probably go to Newport tomorrow. It is thought the Vanderbilt-Whitney wedding, August 25, has something to do with the visit."

COCKRAN'S GOLD TALK IS TO-NIGHT.

"Hannites" Will Gather, but Hanna Himself Will Not Be There.

Tickets Are Free, and Every Arrangement Has Been Made for a Crowd.

Greatest List of Vice Presidents in Point of Wealth, Ever on a Public Stage.

IT READS LIKE A BANKERS' DIRECTORY.

Bond Syndicate Members, Standard Oil Magnates, Corporation Lawyers, Pacific Railroad Men, and All Kinds of True Patriots.

No effort has been spared to make the Cockran gold standard meeting a success. The tickets have been spread broadcast. It is said that 30,000 have been printed. Thousands have been sent into every Assembly district.

The big posters, announcing that Cockran would answer Bryan, were put up all over town.

The doors of the Garden will be thrown open at 6 p. m. All the doors will be used to admit people, and the entire floor space will be covered with chairs. The various district organizations of the State Democracy have had their orders to get all these early.

Many Will Be There. From the number of white tickets issued it is expected that a crowd will gather which will compare favorably, in point of numbers, to the one which assembled to welcome Bryan. Choice seats have found their way into the hands of speculators.

Acting Deputy Chief Cortright, who in the absence of Chief Conlin is the commander of the police force, said yesterday that he had made arrangements for the meeting. The Inspector said a conference with the committee in charge of the meeting and suggested a plan which was accepted. This plan is as follows:

Madison avenue entrance will be for the admission of persons holding tickets for boxes and reserved seats in the arena.

Twenty-seventh street, centre of block, will be for the admission of Brooklyn delegation.

Twenty-sixth street entrance, centre of block, will be for the admission of main floor seats not reserved.

Twenty-sixth street, will be for the admission to gallery. All doors will be opened at 6 o'clock, except the Twenty-seventh street entrance, which will be opened when the delegation arrives. These doors will be closed at 11 o'clock.

Acting Chief Cortright has detailed 400 men for duty around the Garden, and will be in personal charge.

Judge O'Gorman Objects.

Judge James A. O'Gorman, whose name had been announced by the Democratic Honest Money League as one of the vice-presidents for the meeting, declared yesterday that his name had been used without authority, and that he had neither asked nor accepted an invitation to act as one of the officers.

"The great principles of the party," said he, "can best be upheld and maintained by supporting the soundness chosen at the regular Democratic Convention."

Mr. Cockran is prepared to make the speech of a life devoted to speech making. Yesterday Mr. Cockran examined the list of Vice-Presidents who will occupy seats on the stage, and give him their moral support and their applause. The roster reads like a banking house directory. Bank presidents are as common as cats at a chowder party, and if the meeting were held in New York, there would be no business done in Wall Street. The Board would be as silent as on Sunday.

After regarding his vice-president's names with pride, Mr. Cockran went up to the Garden and tried his voice. The new sounding board, which has been specially built for this audacious occasion, proved perfect.

And about these vice-presidents. Daily the list has been added.

Many Are "Hannites." The men who are on the list have been reputed to be Democrats, and they are paraded in long columns to exemplify to the men who nominated Bryan what the Democracy has lost. Many are "Hannites," and if put on the witness stand all could give a good financial reason for their bolt. It means money to the politicians. These are the classes of men who will grow and become powerful in his effort.

The New York men are, without exception, personal friends of the Belmont-Morgan family, of patriotic men with hearts single to the interest of the country's credit, and regarding the gold reserve as next to their personal life. They would argue about in secret sale at a shade more than \$104 and sold them without putting up any money at \$114. They cleared out of the gold reserve a fortune of \$5,000,000 without hazarding a dollar of their own.

Roswell P. Flower was not so long ago Governor of New York. He is a Wall Street banker and broker, and is heavily interested in various stocks, notably the Rock Island. He is reputed to be worth \$15,000,000.

Walter J. Pockham is attorney for the Union Trust Company and legal representative for European bondholders in the Atchafalaya, Topinka & Santa Fe Railway. Mr. Pockham is a New York lawyer, and is bracketed. Both are corporation lawyers and disappointed appointees to the United States Supreme Bench. They could not get past the Senate.

Abraham S. Hewitt, sometime Mayor of New York, is a stockholder in the Chemical Bank, and deeply in several manufacturing enterprises which have been offered for sale to British capitalists.

Robert M. La Follette, of the Board of Education, and in several financial institutions. He is also in society. It is but form in Madison Square Garden, where he has been practicing. He would scarcely figure on retaining his place as attorney for Collis P. Huntington, who is a California and is so for Bryan.

Naturally a Reformer. Louis Wundt, who is naturally a reformer, and whose performances in the anti-Railway law agitation are still remembered, gets his currency comfort and advice from Oswald Ottendorfer, of the Staats Zeitung. With these two men mentioned and Schurz, since 1874, when another ill-starred bolt was made, no political strike has been legal unless Mr. Schurz has been with it.

Those two honest friends, Charles A. Dana, editor of the Sun, and Edward J. H. Thompson, of the New York Herald, who have headed the list, are two well known in the financial world, and political affiliations to require extended mention. He is worth many millions.

Attorney for Huntington.

George Hoadly, former Governor of Ohio, bolted his State some years ago and came to this city to live. The story of his law practice. He would scarcely figure on retaining his place as attorney for Collis P. Huntington, who is a California and is so for Bryan.